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Subject: Ichabod Dille (b. 1820) Author: Huntington Volunteer

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Ichabod Dille, one of the early settlers of Polk Township, and now a resident of Huntington, was born in Belmont County, Ohio, April 12, 1820. He was the second in a family of ten children-three sons and seven daughters-born to Ichabod and Mary (McCain) Dille, both natives of Ohio, the former of English, and the latter of Scotch descent. When our subject was ten years of age his parents came to this State and located in the woods near the present site of Jonesboro, Grant County. They were among the first settlers of that portion of the county. The father had entered a tract of land and upon it he settled, cleared up a farm and continued to reside there until about 1845. The parents afterward resided successively in Wabash County, Peru, and finally in Champaign County, Ills., where the father died November 10, 1868, aged seventy-nine. His wife, the mother of our subject, died at the latter's home in this city, April 3, 1886, in the eighty-sixth year of her age. Our immediate subject spent his youth working upon his father's farm in Grant County. At the age of twenty he located upon a piece of land and began farming for himself. With the exception of one year which was spent in Iowa, he continued on a farm in Grant County, until 1853, when he came to Huntington County and settled in Polk Township. There he continued to reside until in July, 1878, since which he has been a resident of Huntington. He was married July 23, 1840 to Rachel Smith, a native of Ohio. She died in August 1852, leaving six children: Eli G., Jonathan, Mary E., Jehu, Lovina A., and Lewis W. Eli G., Mary E. and Lewis W. are deceased. The oldest was killed at the battle of Champion Hills, May 16, 1863. November 19, 1853, Mr. Dille was married to Mrs. Rebecca Brooks, daughter of Benjamin and Judith (Davis) Havens, natives of Pennsylvania and Virginia, respectively. She was born in Warren County, Ohio, January 7, 1823. This latter union has resulted in the birth of three children: Jesse B., John I., and Viola, all living. Mr. Dille is a member of the I.O.O.F. Lodge, and a Republican in politics. He and his wife are now comfortably located on Mt. Etna Avenue, and they deservedly enjoy the confidence and respect of all.

History of Huntington County, Indiana (Brant & Fuller: Chicago) 1887. Biographical sketches of Huntington-City and Township. Pages 474 and 475.

[Be sure to read the biographical sketch of son, Jonathan Dille of Dallas Township. Transcriber.]

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